

+ MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE +

Mar 3, Year of our Lord 2021 | Vespers



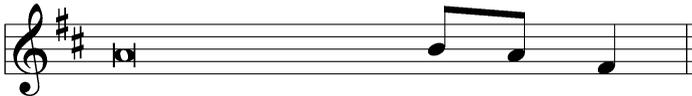
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Lent Versicles

L (sung) O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



Psalmody

Psalm 134



L, **C** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,*
who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!

C Lift up your hands to the | holy place*
and | bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from | Zion,*
he who made | heaven and earth!

Office Hymn: 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

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Reading

Romans 3:21–28

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of

God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former

sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Reading

John 12:27-36

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to



show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless-ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen-er-a-tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



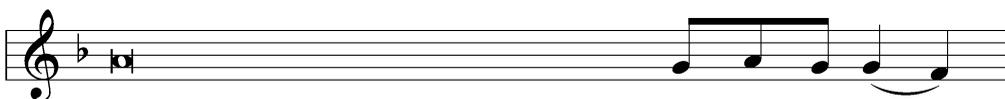
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



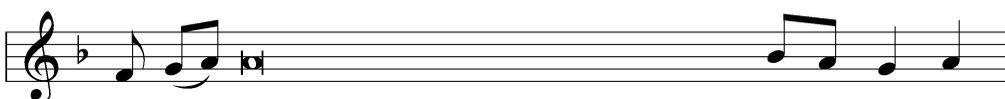
might-y from their thrones and has ex-alt-ed the low-ly.



I He has filled the hun-gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer-cy

Collect of the Day

- P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Additional prayers may be added.

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

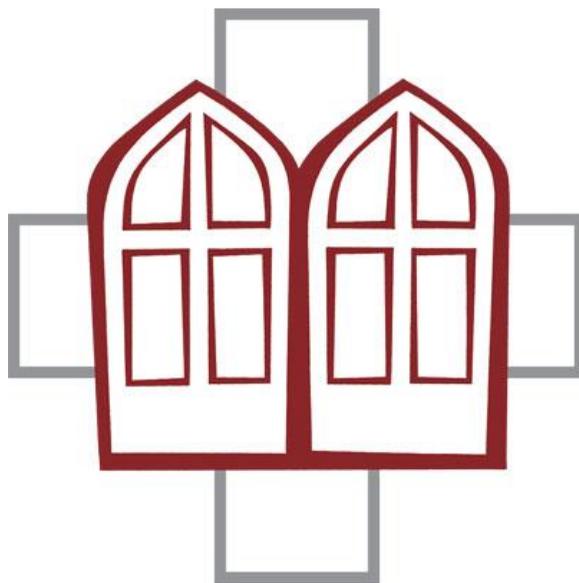
Benediction

- P** (sung) The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: see next page



Hymn to Depart: 659 Lord of Our Life



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

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